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SUBJ: PERFORMANCE OF WESTINGHOUSE DISTILLATION PLANT

REF: YOUR TELEX MESSAGES TO T.H. KATTOUF

- 1. EMBASSY CHECKED WITH SHUHAIBAR WHO WILL SOON BE LEAVING MINISTRY. HE SAID YOU MAY HAVE MISCONSTRUED HIS REMARKS SINCE HE DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT PROBLEMS WITH YOUR DESALINATION SYSTEM WERE SERIOUS. HE DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY TO YOUR TELEX SINCE CHIEF ENGINEER ZAKI ABU EID RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REPLY TO SUCH INQUIRIES. WE PUZZLED AS TO DR. ZAKI'S REFERENCE TO USE OF EMBASSY AS "PROPER CHANNEL" TO RECEIVE SUCH REQUESTS SINCE HE NORMALLY PREFERS DEAL DIRECTLY WITH COMPANY OR ITS AGENTS AND HAS IN PAST DISCOURGED USE OF EMBASSY AS INTERMEDIARY.
- 2. IN CHECKING WITH YOUR LOCAL AGENT, KHALED MISHARI, WE CONFIRMED THAT WESTINGHOUSE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME AND IS MAINTAINING CONTINUING CORRESPONDENCE AND PERSONAL LIAISON WITH MEW THROUGH YOUR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN TEHRAN AND BEIRUT CONCERNING WHATEVER MINOR PROBLEMS MAY YET EXIST WITH GEARING.
- 3. SUGGEST THAT YOU WORK THROUGH YOUR AGENT, WHO HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN MEW, IF YOU STILL WISH RECEIVE FURTHER TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, APPEARS TO US THAT PROBLEMS

WITH GEARING BEING RESOLVED AND IT MAY BE BEST NOT TO PURSUE MATTER
DIRECTLY FROM PHILADELPHIA BUT ALLOW REGIONAL REPS
IN PERSONAL MEETINGS TO HANDLE MATTER.
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